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In re Patent application of:

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Serial No.: 08/992,150 ) Examiner: E. J. Webman  
Filed: December 17, 1997 ) Art Unit: 1615  
For: Hydrophobically Modified Polysaccharide )  
In Household Preparations )  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official Action dated July 16, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows: